

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?      yes    X    no

Preparer's Recommendation:	Contributing resource	yes	no	Non-contributing but eligible in another context
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Preparer's Recommendation:      Eligible      yes      X      no

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Fort Meade Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, Dec. 2006

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Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phelps Cemetery

MIHP #: AA-2303

Fort George G. Meade

Late 19th Century

Public Access

### Capsule Summary

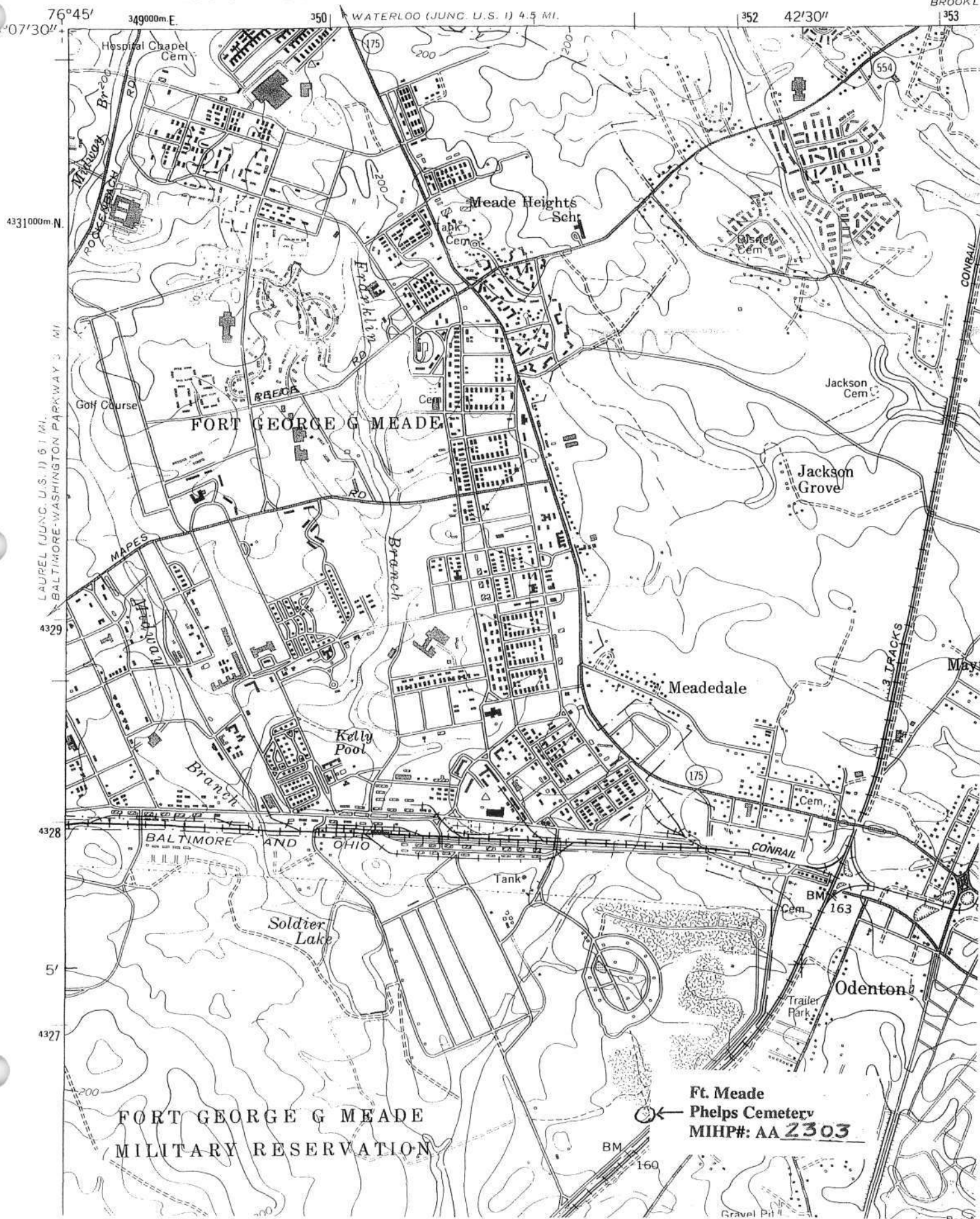
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Memo to file

February 9, 2007

From: Peter E. Kurtze  
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: AA: 2303  
Phelps Cemetery

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: Phelps Cemetery Inventory Number: AA: 2303  
Address: Off Boundary Road south of sanitary landfill City: Fort George G. Meade Zip Code: 20755  
County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Odenton  
Owner: U.S. Government Is the property being evaluated a district? yes  
Tax Parcel Number: n/a Tax Map Number: n/a Tax Account ID Number: n/a  
Project: Baltimore-Washington Maglev Amtrak Agency: MTA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes X no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C X D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: USGENWEB documentation of Anne Arundel County cemeteries at  
ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/md/annearundel/cemeteries/phelps.  
txt accessed 8/25/2003

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Phelps Cemetery is a nineteenth-century rural family burial ground containing five marked graves and possibly additional unmarked graves. It is located on the edge of the woods a short distance west of the Amtrak rail line and south of Fort Meade's sanitary landfill. Areas to the south and west of the cemetery are wooded range training areas, the closest of which is T14. The square-shaped cemetery is a small cleared area surrounded by modern chain-link fencing, evergreen and deciduous trees, and some brush. It stands near chain-link perimeter fencing surrounding the landfill.

The cemetery was originally part of a farm, which was one of many taken over by the U.S. government in 1917 to create what is now Fort Meade. It is one of several pre-1917 cemeteries of varying sizes within Fort Meade's boundaries. The marked burials in the Phelps Cemetery date from ca. 1861 to 1888 and include five members of the Thomas A. Phelps family; additional unmarked burials may be present. Existing marker stones include two large carved vertical headstones with rounded tops as well as low and flat stone monuments.

Interments include:  
Thomas A. Phelps, d. September 19, 1885

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None  
MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date



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Elizabeth A. Phelps, d. January 6, 1886, relict of T.A. Phelps  
Myraanna Phelps, d. August 24, 1866, daughter of T.A. and E.A. Phelps  
Allen T. Phelps, d. August 24, 1861, son of T.A. and E.A. Phelps  
Unnamed Phelps infant, daughter of Byran and Ella Phelps

Physical access to the cemetery was not permitted by Fort Meade, so inspection was not possible. Digital photographs were provided by Fort Meade personnel in lieu of a visit. Although it retains integrity and is probably typical of family farm burial grounds commonly found in rural areas before 1900, the cemetery's post-1860 age, lack of distinctive monuments and design features, and lack of association with important events and/or citizens indicate that it does not meet National Register significance criteria. While it is possible that the cemetery could yield archeological information about local mortuary practices or causes of death, its small size would provide only limited data. Overall, the Phelps Cemetery does not appear to meet NRHP Criteria Consideration D and is recommended not eligible for the NRHP.

Prepared by: Kate Farnham, John Milner AssociatesDate Prepared: 11/25/2003







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Phelps Cemetery

Anne Arundel County, MD

Fort Meade Planning Office

November 2003

No negative available; digital photograph

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